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Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. EPA, Region 4  
AFC Building  
61 Forsyth Street, S.W., 9th Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this request for records under 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Freedom of Information Act. We hereby request that U.S. EPA provide a copy of the following records:

For the Everglades Regional Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program ("REMAP") sampling Cycles 0 through 11, with dates of 1995, 1996, 1999, 2005, 2013, and 2014:

1. All quality assurance / quality control (QA/QC) data<sup>1</sup> relating to sampling and analysis for mercury and associated parameters: specifically total Hg, methyl Hg, sulfate, sulfide and DOC in surface water and soil porewater; total Hg and methyl Hg in floc, soil and periphyton; and total Hg in *Gambusia*. This includes raw QA/QC data from all EPA and contracted laboratories, including, but not limited to, FIU, Batelle, and EPA SESD labs, as well as any intermediate reports/analyses, such as EPA Comprehensive Data Review documents and laboratory review documents for all REMAP monitoring events.

We are willing to pay a reasonable charge for the actual costs of reproducing and mailing the records requested and request that EPA notify us if the cost will exceed \$100. If the records are available electronically, we request they be made available in electronic form.

If the requested records contain information excluded from the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, we request that the non-excluded material be segregated from the purportedly excluded material and that the non-excluded material be made available, in accordance with the

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<sup>1</sup> QA/QC data that we would expect to see includes QA/QC for field collection, including, but not limited to, copies of chain of custody forms for all field-collected samples, and analytical results of all field-collected duplicates and blanks, and QA/QC for laboratory-related procedures including, but not limited to, results of all laboratory blanks, standards, duplicates and spikes for all relevant analytical runs.

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provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). We do not anticipate that any of the records requested are exempt; however, if materials reasonably within the scope of this request are withheld as falling under FOIA exemption(s) covered by 5 U.S.C. § 552, please identify and describe, with specificity, each document being withheld, the basis for withholding it, and whether any exempt material can be redacted to allow the document with deleted portions to be provided.

We look forward to your response within 20 working days, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i). Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (954) 713-6413.

Sincerely,



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